

# Lambda Letters Project 32604

Vol. 6, No. 11

November, 1998

www.lambdaletters.org

LambdaLP@aol.com

(916) 965-6851

### Meditations

More and more I feel that people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will.

— Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange Sacramento, CA

by Boyce Hinman, Administrator

We were all saddened last month by news of the violent and homophobic murder of Matthew Shepard. Soon after his death, I attended a memorial service for him in a church that has a strong reputation for welcoming gays and lesbians to their church. The major themes of the service were that gays are welcome in their parish, that God loves lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people as they are, and that absolutely nothing can come between them and the love of God.

This is probably a necessary and healing message for the many who feel intimidated by the murder of Matthew Shepard, or whose sense of self worth is undermined by the attack. In all fairness, the leadership of this church is well meaning and they probably bring much needed comfort to many members of our community. Even so, I left the service feeling unsatisfied.

This good church, and others like it, do welcome gays, and they do speak out against homophobia. But

let's compare them to the fundamentalist churches, and their leaders, who preach hatred towards the queer community.

The fundamentalists are goal-oriented. Their goal is to deny the rights of the queer community and they take any actions necessary to accomplish that goal. I'm sure they measure their progress on a regular basis and determine what additional actions must be taken to achieve the goal. This is standard practice in the management by objective approach to problem solving. With all due respect, I don't see that kind of approach among the churches that support justice for our community.

We've all heard about tough love. Usually it's described as the practice of being tough on the children you love so they will grow up to be strong, loving and responsible adults. Perhaps there is another meaning to tough love that is relevant to this issue. Doesn't tough love also mean that churches who support justice should be tough on themselves and be willing to take

Continued on page 9

### Also in This Issue:

People of Color Issue	
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Issue 3	
HIV/AIDS Issue	
Women's Issue	
State Legislative Update, Part VII 5-7	
Lavender Night at the Movies a Success	

No December Newsletter ...... 9

### Lambda Letters Progress Report

### Messages Collected

September, 1998 2,643 letters & e-mails In all of 1998 115,341 letters & e-mails

### **Dollars Spent**

September, 1998 \$1,616 In all of 1998 \$13,775

### Can You Help?

Please support the very important work of the Lambda Letters Project with your contributions.

## Lambda Letters Project

### Statement of Purpose

To promote people of color, feminist, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV/AIDS status advocacy, and to bring people of color, women, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgendered persons, and persons affected by or living with HIV/AIDS into full participation in the mainstream of Americansociety now, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof.

### **Board of Directors**

Chair: Stefan Grünwedel, San Francisco, (650) 655-3154,

s-t-e-f-a-n@rocketmail.com

Vice-Chair: Alan Beach, San Francisco, (415) 431-8344, alanrhs@aol.com

Recorder: Jan Hansen, San Diego, (619) 275-5343, partners@access1.net

Treasurer: Vacant

Larry Beaty, Carmichael, (916) 965-6851, lambdalp@aol.com

Michael Butler, Antelope, (916) 722-6301, mbutler@gvn.net

Lynn Dobbs, San Diego, (619) 275-5343, partners@access1.net

Ray Leber, Sacramento, (916) 925-5368

Scott Roy, Upland, (909) 985-7652, roykit@aol.com

### Staff

Administrator: Boyce Hinman, (916) 965-6851, lambdalp@aol.com

Newsletter Editor: Stefan Grünwedel, (650) 655-3154, s-t-e-f-a-n@rocketmail.com

Legislative Analyst, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Issues: Carolynn Race,

(323)860-7361, gaylesbla@aol.com

Legislative Analyst, HIV/AIDS Status Issues: Randy Allgaier, San Francisco AIDS Foundation. (415) 487-3000

Legislative Analyst, People of Color Issues: Marty Martinez, (415) 255-9191,

mmar10ez@aol.com

Legislative Analyst, Women's Issues: Carla Leek, (916) 442-5169

Database Manager: Charles Penn, (916) 663-4951, cpenn@foothill.net

Webmaster: Lynn Dobbs, San Diego (619) 275-5343,

webmaster@lambdaletters.org

E-mail Alert Advocate, Federal AIDS Issues: Joe Heller, (520) 762-9787,

irheller@dakotacom.net

Publication of the name of any person or organization in articles or advertising in the Lambda Letters Project newsletter is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation of such person or organization.

The Lambda Letters Project does not sell or loan its mailing list to anyone. We give no information about who is, or is not, a member of the Project. We do, occasionally, send mailings on behalf of other worthwhile organizations, but this is done by our own volunteers so that no other organization has the opportunity to copy our mailing lists.

The Lambda Letters Newsletter is published monthly except in December by the Lambda Letters Project Inc.,

6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.
Postmaster: send address changes to the address above.

### Sponsors of Lambda Letters Project

### Corporate Honor Roll

Visionary (\$501 or more)
CGNIE, Inc.; Eventures; Faces; Outword Newsmagazine

Activist (\$301-\$500)

MGW Newspaper; Sacramento Drummer Fund; Sports Leisure Travel;
Whisler Land Company

Advocate (\$201-\$300)

Lillian Ordaz Financial Planning of Sacramento

Sponsor (\$100-\$200)

First Unitarian Universalist Church; Killick Financial Services; Martino Graphic Design; Sacramento PFLAG

### Individual Honor Roll

Visionary (\$501 or more)

Jan Hansen & Lynn Dobbs; Ray Leber; Robert Maxie; Donald S. Ricart

Activist (\$301-\$500)

Jerome Murphy, M.D.

Advocate (\$201-\$300)

Lucien Agosta, Ph.D.; Deborah Brooks; Geoff Gann; Dave Hanson; Wilmer & Betty Hornbostel; Herb King; Dennis Mangers: Susan Wolf

### Sponsor (\$100-\$200)

Margaret Alton; Cindy Baudoin & Nancy McKernan; Kathleen Carson;
Ellie Charlton & Jeanne Barnett; John Duran; John Flick; Jeff Greer; Stefan Grünwedel;
Marylou Hacker; Joe Heller; James Higgins; Frank J. Howell; Jesse Joad; Roxanne Kellam;
Kathy A. Kinzie; J. Michael Lee; Robert Mahoney; Judith & Michael O'Hara; Joan E. Potter;
Mary Rohwer; Leroy Rostad; Scott Roy & Scott Kittrell; Bonnie Shelley; Alan Sizemore;
Sandra Spaulding; Valerie Spencer; Anh Trung Tran; Kevin Watson

Have you experienced employment discrimination because of your actual or perceived sexual orientation? If so, you may register a complaint with one of the following Division of Labor

#### Standards Enforcement district offices.

Bakersfield (805-395-2710)
Fresno (209-248-8400)
Los Angeles (213-897-4037)
Oakland\* (415-557-7878)
Sacramento (916-323-4920)
San Bernardino (909-383-4333)
San Francisco\* (415-557-7878)

Long Beach (310-590-5044) Marysville (916-741-4061) Redding\* (415-557-7878) Salinas\* (415-557-7878) San Diego (619-637-5500) San Jose\* (415-557-7878)

Eureka\* (415-557-7878)

Santa Ana (714-558-4111) Santa Rosa (707-576-2363) Van Nuys (818-901-5312)

Santa Barbara (805-963-1438) Stockton (209-948-7770) Ventura (805-654-4538)

\*These cities share an office.

### AdvertisingRates

Business-card sized ads (3½" × 2") \$10 per issue, quarter-page ads \$20 per issue, half-page ads \$30 per issue, full-page ads \$50 per issue. Deadline for payment and camera-ready copy, along with your name and phone number, is the 25th of each month.

	Yes, I want to	make a donation to	help LLP	continue it	s important v	vork.
(Ap	preciated but	not required.)				

□ \$10	□ \$20*	□ \$30	□ other \$_	
/*A . 1	LI HDf		. 441	

(\*Actual cost to LLP for you to receive 44 letters in one year.)

### Change of Address Form

Please change my address to:

Name

Address

City, ZIP Code

Phone

Mail to LLP, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.

This newsletter printed on recycled paper

70

# Census Undercount Denies Equal Representation

by Marty Martinez

The next national census will be conducted in the year 2000. The goal of the census is to arrive at as accurate a count as possible of the number of persons living in the nation and where they are located. The count is used to draw new congressional districts (each district is supposed to contain about the same number of residents) and to distribute funds from several government programs.

However, each census undercounts the population. Particularly hard to enumerate are people without phones, the homeless, and people who live in hard-to-reach areas in inner cities or places where censustakers may be reluctant to travel (such as neighborhoods they perceive to be crime-ridden).

If these persons are not counted, their lives will be affected in very real ways. Federal and state resources for housing and other programs may be mistakenly directed to areas where it is not most needed. Congressional districts will be drawn lopsidedly. Congressmembers who represent inner-cities will have more residents in their districts than their colleagues, though each will have just one vote.

Statistical methods, such as population sampling, allow for census takers to estimate the number of people they have undercounted and correct the final census tally.

The Clinton administration—believing Democrats stand to gain from a higher count of inner-city

Continued on page 8

### KEN PRAG

PAPER AMERICANA

OLD POST CARDS • STOCKS & BONDS • PASSES STE REOPTICON VIEWS • TIMETABLES

PHONE - SAN FRANCISCO MAIL - P.O. BOX 14817 (415) 586-9386 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

# Shepard's Law: The Hate Crimes Prevention Act

by Carolynn Race

Following Matthew Shepard's death, mainstream society became more aware of a phenomenon that the LGBT community has known for a long time: lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered persons are all too often the victims of hate crimes.

In the wake of Matthew's death, several LGBT organizations, individuals, and allies grieved, marched, and rallied—and urged—Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (H.R. 3081 and S.1529). This would have amended current federal law to include real or perceived sexual orientation, gender, and disability—allowing the FBI to be able to investigate and prosecute violent hate crimes against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Current law already allows investigation and prosecution on the basis of race, religion, national origin, and color, but doesn't include sexual orientation.

In October, Congress recessed without passing this vital legislation. When Congress reconvenes on January 6, 1999, they will have another opportunity to pass this vital legislation. We must urge members of Congress to support this measure.

This legislation would not only aid in prosecuting perpetrators of violent, unconscionable acts; it would also send a message to all that hate crimes will not be tolerated in our nation.

All Americans deserve protection from hate. We must stand up and protect everyone—to fight against bigotry, intolerance, and bias-motivated violence.

Act now and write your Congressmember. Tell them to call for the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Congress must step up and send a message that it is not okay for a college student to be maimed because of his sexual orientation, nor is it acceptable for anyone to commit a violent act against a lesbian, bisexual, or gay person simply because of his or her real or perceived sexual orientation.

# Record Increase for HIV/AIDS Funding from Washington

by Randy Allgaier

After weeks of delay, Congress and President Clinton approved an omnibus spending bill to fund all federal programs through September, 1999.

The spending agreement includes substantial increases in funding for HIV/AIDS programs, including a 12 percent increase in AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health; over \$30 million for HIV prevention; and over \$350 million in new HIV funding through the CARE Act, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)—which alone saw an increase of \$175 million—and a new, targeted initiative to address HIV in African-American and other communities of color. The final budget deal also includes two separate needle exchange bans, and a much-needed \$275 million increase in funding for substance abuse treatment. Additionally, the Housing for Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program saw an increase of \$21 million.

Happily, the final bill does not include the anti-gay Rigs Amendment, which would have cut all federal housing dollars to communities, like San Francisco, that require organizations that contract with the city to offer domestic partner benefits to their employees.

These remarkable increases are due, in large part, to the leadership of Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), the ranking member of the Labor/HHS Appropriations Sub-Committee; Louis Stokes (D-Ohio); and Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles).

Continued on page 8

# Berg & Associates

### PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL CONSERVATOR

- ▶ Private Case Management
- ► Conservator of Person and Estate
- ► Durable Power of Attorney Health Financial

Lisa J. Berg, M.S.W.

P.O. Box 161653 Sacramento, CA 95816-1653 (916) 442-6411 Fax (916) 443-3829

# Supporting the Battered Women's Economic Security Act

by Carla Leek

A new federal bill, S.B. 2558, tackles many of the issues that face battered women and female victims of violent crimes, and attempts to make the path to escape and self-sufficiency a little smoother.

The Battered Women's Economic Security Act of 1998 (BWESA) was introduced in October by Senators Patty Murray (D—Washington) and Paul Wellstone (D—Minnesota). The bill provides funds to train the people who assist battered women, as well as funds for public housing for battered women and their children, and legal protection from insurance and job discrimination.

The bill takes on well-documented problems and attempts to resolve them. According to the bill, for instance, "nearly 25 percent of battered women surveyed have lost a job due in part to the effects of domestic violence." Following a rape, nearly half of women lose their jobs or are forced to quit. Accordingly, the bill states, "An employer shall not ... discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment ... because the individual ... is or is perceived to be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking."

This point is crucial because economic uncertainty is one of the reasons many women remain with their batterers. It's essential that battered women retain the right to insurance and to their jobs.

This bill's next stop is the Senate Judiciary Committee. Our own Senator Dianne Feinstein is a member of this committee. Please sign the enclosed letter encouraging her to cosponsor and support this important bill.

Lavender Valentines

# Legislative Update, Part VII

This is the last of a series of articles informing you of the progress of both good and bad bills through our state legislature this year. We have been successful in moving many of the good bills and stopping some of the bad bills. Over 70 percent of the bills opposed by Lambda Letters were defeated in the state legislature and two-thirds of the bills supported by us were passed. The flow of your letters and e-mail messages to our state legislature has been much greater than usual this year (115,000 pieces of mail by September 30th) and we think that has something to do with our success in the halls of government. Thank you for doing your part in our community's effort.

Nonetheless, as you will see from the following list, Governor Wilson vetoed most of the bills which we supported and which were sent to him. Obviously, part of the reason is simply his nature. But that's not a valid excuse. If it was, we would simply sit out any of the years in which we had bad governors. We need to find ways to get necessary legislation signed into law in spite of the nature of the governor in office.

Governor Wilson signed A.B. 1999, the bill to prohibit hate crimes against transgendered people. At first glance that is rather astonishing. However, Sheila Kuehl's office persuaded Dan Lungren, the Republican candidate for governor, to sign a letter in support of the bill. Lambda Letters used that letter extensively to persuade Republican legislators to vote for the bill and the governor to sign it. Could that be a significant factor in the victory on this bill? You can be sure we will be looking for ways to use similar tactics next year.

There may be other new tactics we can use to persuade legislators of both parties—and the governor—to do the right thing. We will be seeking new and

creative ways to get the job done. Please feel free to send us your suggestions.

This article gives the outcome on bills supported or opposed by Lambda Letters that were passed and sent to the governor in the last month of the legislative session. Bills that failed to make it to the governor's desk, or which were sent to him earlier, are not included in this list.

### HIV/AIDS Issues

A.B. 20 (Carole Migden, D-San Francisco)

Purpose: To provide that people living with AIDS—and who return to work—continue to receive Medi-Cal health coverage until they become eligible for health insurance under their employers' plan.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

A.B. 1663 (Carole Migden, D-San Francisco)

**Purpose:** To require the state to conduct studies of unique identifier systems of tracking the spread of HIV so as not to require the reporting of the names of people who test positive.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

A.B. 2737 (Dion Aroner, D-Oakland)

**Purpose:** To create the Supportive Housing Fund to provide housing for homeless and other very low income and disabled persons, including those with AIDS.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Signed by the governor.

S.B. 705 (Richard Rainey, R-Walnut Creek)

**Purpose:** To criminalize the "intentional" transmission of HIV through unprotected sex.

LLP Position: Oppose.

Status: Signed by the governor.

Continued on page 6



Certified Public Accountant

- · ACCOUNTING
- · TAX PLANNING
- TAX PREPARATION

My Place or Yours!

5350 Marysville Road Browns Valley, California 95918 P.O. Box 248 800-600-9339



If you have a printing question, or need some advice....pick up the phone and call. You will get the benefit of 35 years experience.

Sacramento Quick Print (916) 442-5615 phone (916) 442-6891 fax

### Legislative Update

Continued from page 5

### L/G/B/T Issues

A.B. 1059 (Carole Migden, D-San Francisco)

Purpose: To require that all health insurance companies that offer policies covering employees and their spouses also offer coverage for employees and their domestic partners. Does not require employers to buy coverage for their employees' domestic partners.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

A.B. 1999 (Sheila Kuehl, D-Encino)

Purpose: To amend the state's Hate Crimes Statistics Act by adding gender and defining gender to include transgendered people. Provides stiffer penalties for hate-motivated crimes based on gender and gender identity. Requires the counting and reporting of such hate crimes.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Signed by the governor.

A.B. 2156 (Fred Keeley, D-Santa Cruz)

Purpose: To strengthen the California Labor Code sections that prohibit sexual orientation—based employment discrimination. Increases the deadline for filing a complaint from 30 days to one year. Requires employers to post notices that sexual orientation-based employment discrimination is illegal and to display list of offices at which complaints may be filed.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

### Person of Color Issues

A.B. 1784 (Joe Baca, D-San Bernardino)

Purpose: To provide \$10 million to fund substance abuse programs for adolescents in the 10 counties with the most at-risk adolescents.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Signed by the governor.

A.B. 2031 (Gilbert Cedillo, D-Los Angeles)

Purpose: To prevent the governor from denying access of legal resident aliens to many state-funded health programs for the poor.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

A.B. 2171 (Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles)

Purpose: To make immigrant children eligible for the Healthy Families state health insurance program regard-

less of when they entered the country.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

A.B. 2421 (Mike Honda, D-San Jose)

Purpose: To ensure that all immigrants maintain eligibility for state housing programs. This is essential to keep immigrant families from being evicted or separated

from one another.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

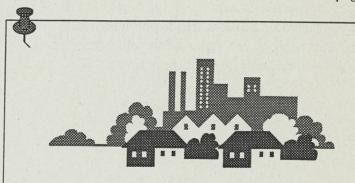
S.B. 34 (John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose)

Purpose: Guarantees that all low-income women, regardless of immigrant status, have access to state

prenatal care programs. LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

Continued on page 7



### WHISLER LAND COMPANY

For All Your Real Estate Needs

Commercial and Residential Sales 916-446-6666

Property Management and Rentals 916-446-6663

Serving Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado Counties and Outlying Areas Since 1975

Proud Supporters of Our Community and many of its Organizations

www.whisler.com



### Legislative Update

Continued from page 6

S.B. 1500 (Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles)

Purpose: To outlaw the manufacture, import, sale,

possession, or loaning of unsafe guns.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

### Women's Issues

A.B. 499 (Sheila Kuehl, D-Encino)

**Purpose:** To systematize and strengthen the State Education Code, particularly as it relates to discrimination, including sex discrimination.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Signed by the governor.

### A.B. 1112 (Bob Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys)

Purpose: To require HMOs and insurance providers to cover the cost of prescription contraceptives. To get the governor's support, the bill has been amended to allow some employers who have a religious objection to contraception to provide their employees with a health plan that does not cover contraceptives. In these cases, employees who earn up to 400 percent of the poverty level would be permitted to purchase health coverage that does cover prescription contraceptives from a state-funded family planning program.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

### A.B. 2592 (Howard Wayne, D-San Diego)

**Purpose:** To use to bacco taxes to fund prevention and treatment of breast cancer, with special emphasis on low income, Native American, and minority women.

LLP Position: Support.

Status: Vetoed by the governor.

### Movie Night a Success!

By all accounts, Lambda Letters' first "Lavender Night at the Movies" was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Over 130 people attended the event, 15 businesses bought paid advertising in our program book, and many businesses donated food or items to be auctioned or raffled at the event. Also, a wonderful crew of Lambda Letters members donated their valuable time to put on the event. We are particularly indebted to Kevin Cohee of Eventures meeting planning service, and to Michael Butler of the Lambda Letters board of directors. Without their help, this event simply would not have taken place. John Batchelor also did a fine job as our auctioneer. The event was a financial success, too; we had a net profit of over \$1,500.

The following is a list of the individuals and businesses that contributed goods and services to our film night. We urge you to patronize them as a way of thanking them for supporting Lambda Letters:

All-Cal Insurance Agency

Altomar Productions

Avatar Business systems

The Bolt

Café Bernardo

Calistoga Water

Centro Cocina Mexicano

Edgewater Resort (Clear Lake)

E.M.H. Inc.

Faces

Farmers Insurance Agency

(Sue Wolf)

Tony Ferrante (Artist)

Fife's Resort (Guerneville)

Gage Realty

Hamburger Mary's

Lofing's Lighting

MGW newspaper

Outword newsmagazine

Paezanos and Jack's Urban Eats

Paragary's Bar and Oven

Post Cards, Etc.

Sports Leisure Travel

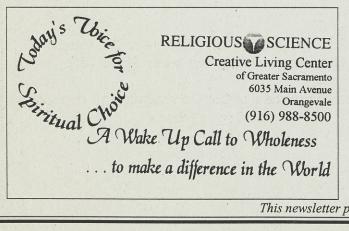
Whitney & Killick Financial

Services

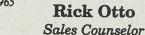
Wright & Kimbrough Insurance

Lavender Valentines

Jackie Mahone & Karen Mahone-Smith & 9 years &







4932 T Street Sacramento, CA 95819 Res: 916 452-8137 Fax: 916 452-8633

Pager: 916 820-9003

### People of Color Issue

Continued from page 3

residents—wants to proceed with sampling. Congressional Republicans have refused to support funding for the Census Bureau to undertake sampling, arguing that the Constitution requires a direct head count of individuals. During the recent budget negotiations for the fiscal 1989–99 budget, both sides agreed to put the issue off until next year while the Supreme Court decides whether sampling is a constitutional way to augment the census.

The Republican leadership counts on the public's ignorance of this issue in their fight against sampling. They know the public would not support their position of allowing a consistent undercount of Americans. Sampling is a proven technique. It is so advanced that the Census Bureau knows almost exactly how many people it misses each census time. But the Republican leadership would argue that we cannot use that knowledge to ensure that each Congressmember represents the same number of persons. The Constitution says nothing about statistical sampling—it did not exist at the time of the country's founding—but does rest on the principle of one person, one vote.

By signing and sending the enclosed letter to a member of the Republican House caucus, you show Republicans that people are paying attention to their attempt to deny equal representation.

### **HIV/AIDS** Issue

Continued from page 4

House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee chairmen John Porter (R–Illinois) and Arlen Specter (R–Pennsylvania) also supported significant overall increases.

In an historic culmination of months of community and congressional advocacy, Congress also earmarked more than \$100 million in new funding to address HIV/AIDS in African American and other communities of color. This new initiative includes targeted funding in several areas, including technical assistance, faith-based initiatives, and community-based prevention efforts and funding to address racial disparities in health outcomes and access to care.

By agreeing to the House-proposed, one-year ban on the use of federal funds for needle exchange, Congress eliminated Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala's existing waiver authority, which she has yet to exercise. However, with respect to funding for the District of Columbia, Congress adopted an even more onerous and dangerous provision, which effectively prohibits using federal or local funds to support any organization that carries out needle exchange programs in the District of Columbia, even if such activities are privately funded.

It is important that we thank our California representatives—Nancy Pelosi and Maxine Waters—for their leadership that garnered more than a half-billion dollar increase for HIV/AIDS programs this year.



"Imagination is your first tool in gardening"

THE Gilled GARDENER
Fine Gifts for the Urban Gardener

David Kwong Proprietor

2122 J Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 447-5956

# Do it

### .. without the Kinks!

Your LOCAL Desktop Publishing Center

Rent Computer Time
Scan Photos and Text
Print Eye-Popping Color on the
Canon 800 Color Laser Color Copies
Black & White at 300, 600, & 1200dpi

We'll put any image on Shirts & Mousepads SAVE 15% w/this ad

### COMPUSTATIONS

1819 J Street MON. - FRI.: 9AM - 5 PM 916-441-4515 SAT. 12PM - 4PM

This newsletter printed on recycled paper

# No Newsletter in December

There will be no Lambda Letters newsletter in December. We do this to allow our hard-working, all-volunteer staff to take a well-earned rest during the holiday season. We wish you all the best and will send you our next newsletter in January, 1999.

Happy Holidays!



### Meditations

Continued from page 1

risks in the service of justice? What ultimately is the value of their words and their compassion if we end up being murdered on the streets or when our youth commit suicide to escape the endless harassment from their peers? Shouldn't the love and compassion of the good churches be as goal-oriented as the activities of the homophobic churches?

Most supportive churches now seek to heal our wounds when we have been injured emotionally or physically by the hatred of the homophobes around us. I believe they need to practice a much tougher sort of love. They should adopt the goal of preventing those injuries in the first place. Then they should adopt a specific, effective program to eliminate the hatred and the injury to our community. Again, with all due respect, sympathy and emotional support is not good enough.



Don't Know Who Represents You?
Just ask us and we'll send you a complete list
of your elected officials.



the news resource of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community

# OUTWORD newsmagazine

The staff and management of Outword Newsmagazine fully supports the work and goals of Lambda Letters Project and offers its profound gratitude to the volunteers and staff for making those goals a reality.

Outword Newsmagazine • 709 28th Street • Sacramento, California 95816-4116 (916) 329-9280 • Fax 498-8445 • Email news@outword.com • Website www.outword.com

There's a Reason ...

We're Consistently Voted #1 in .

5 Bars • 2 Dance Floors Weekends • Be We Also Feature Country • Karaok Outdoor Heated P

ntry • Karaok**e • L**ive Entertainers loor Heated P**atio** Bar for Smokers Everyone 21 **and o**lder Welcome!

ruse DJs in Town

\* Sacramento News & Review, Sacramento Bee 1994-1997

FACES

2000 "K" STREET • SACRAMENTO • CA • 916.448.74

-WWW.FACESNIGH

CUM